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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA, KS

SUBJECT: B-52 OPERATIONS

1. FONOFF HAS INFORMED US THAT FLIGHT PLAN FILED FOR B-52'S
MAY INVOLVE TRANSIT THROUGH JAPANESE TERRITORIAL AIR SPACE
ALTHOUGH CHART-PLOTTING PROBLEMS MAKE IT ALSO POSSIBLE THAT
FLIGHTS MAY SKIRT ISLANDS
INVOLVED. FONOFF HAS ASKED FOR URGENT CLARIFICATION OF
WHETHER FLIGHTS TRANSIT TERRITORIAL AIRSPACE OR ADIZ ONLY.

2. WE HAVE INFORMED FONOFF THAT IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING
THAT B-52 FLIGHTS TRANSIT ADIZ ONLY BASED ON LOCALLY
AVAILABLE INFORMATION BUT WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION ASAP.

3. FONOFF (SECURITY DIVISION CHIEF SATO) SAID THAT GOJ
QUESTIONS DO NOT IMPLY GOJ DOUBT ABOUT LEGALITY OF B-52
TRANSIT, WHICH GOJ PREPARED TO DEFEND. FONOFF HOWEVER
NEEDS ACCURATE INFO TO PREPARE FOR DIET COMMITTEE
QUESTIONING. NATURE OF QUESTIONS WOULD DIFFER
CONSIDERABLY IF TRANSIT OF TERRITORIAL AIRSPACE
INVOLVED. OPPOSITION WOULD PROBABLY PRESS GOJ ON
AIRCRAFT ARMAMENT AND RELATED QUESTIONS OF PRIOR
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CONSULTATIONS, WHICH ARE BEST AVOIDED IF POSSIBLE.

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